

Worms in Jars

A story in *House to House, Heart to Heart*, a publication of the East Side Church of Christ in Cleveland, Tennessee, told how a young minister decided to use a visual demonstration for his Sunday sermon.

He placed three worms into jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, he reported these results:

- The first worm in alcohol: Dead.
- The second worm in cigarette smoke: Dead.
- The third worm in good clean soil: Alive.

So the minister asked the congregation, "What can we learn from this demonstration?"

A little old woman in the back of the room quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink and smoke, you won't have worms!"

Somehow, the church member missed the point of the illustration.

It is a good reminder to all of us, however, about the care we need to give to our own bodies. After all, they are the temple of God.

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